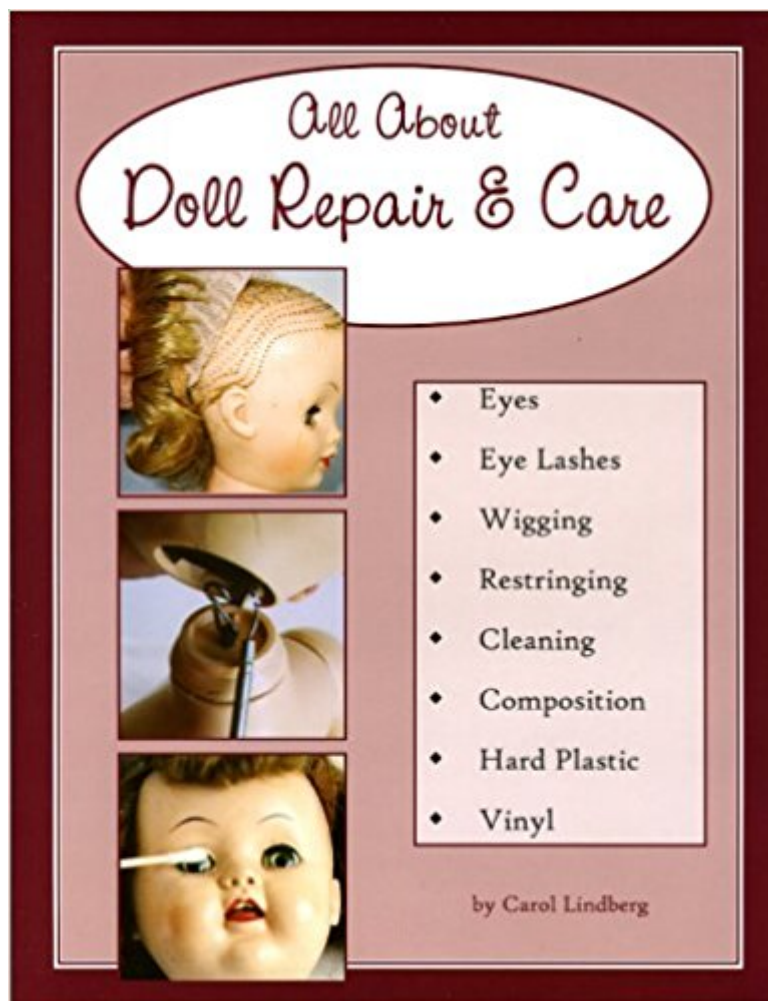


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All About Doll Repair & Care: A Guide To Restoring Well-Loved Dolls



Synopsis

What started as a hobby for Carol Lindberg became a passion. Now her years of experience as a doll restorer are being shared in this easy-to-follow format with photographs and clear explanations. Each chapter takes on a facet of doll restoration, including: restringing techniques, cleaning, hair styling, body repair, restoring eyes and clothing. The author also addresses how to learn about and enter into doll repair and care as a business. But anyone would enjoy reading about dolls and their care.

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Since I am an amateur doll collector I need a few books on repair and care of dolls. This book is great due to how beautifully it is illustrated showing close up views of the how-to-do processes. A really great help. Many things are covered, like repair of all types of doll hair. Information is given on how to restring a doll. (with color photographs) and repair of eyelashes skin and clothes. But not good on the idea of using starch of doll clothes. There are gaps though. Gaps in types of doll eyes repair for one instance. This is not very surprising given the huge array and history of dolls. One major issue though. The author uses a product or products that apparently are proprietary. Apparently concocted by the author. No ingredients are listed so the reader can mix up own batches. Apparently a sales pitch? Fortunately the ways of doing repair, the clear color and close-up photos and other advise still make the book well worthwhile in my opinion. I can figure out types of cleaning solutions to substitute from other sources.

Some of the techniques suggested in this book will do more harm than doing nothing at all; oil in composition doll eyes, and using bleach and starch on doll clothes. You should "NEVER" oil a composition doll's eyes because the oil can run onto the composition around the doll's eyes damaging the composition, it can also run inside the doll's head. The irises in the eyes can be replaced in a doll with significant damage, the book does not even come close to covering such a restoration. Using bleach can not only dull colors it is extremely harsh for the very delicate vintage fabric. There are many safe products for removing brown age stains from vintage and antique fabrics like "Retro Clean" far better than bleach. Finally using starch on doll clothes can over time attract bugs to the clothes.

I bought this book because you can never know too much about repairing dolls. Everyone has a hint or two that you haven't thought of yet. The best basic doll repair book out there, in my opinion, is still Marty Westfall's book on Doll Repair and Restoration. But, this book is a good basic start and has good pictures. Just not as detailed as you might need.

When it comes to working with vinyl dolls, I found this book to be very educational. It is one of the books I reference in my book, Strawberry Shortcake Piece by Piece: A Picker's Guide to Building a Vintage Strawberry Shortcake Collection.

I was looking for more info on composition repair.

Very little information about restoration of composition dolls. Author seemed to promote selling her cleaning products vs utilizing common every day products. Adequate information about quick fixes for hard plastic & vinyl dolls.

I really like this book. The author gives good advice on fixing all aspects of kinds of modern dolls. It also shows how to reset a doll's hair, clean the eyes. The book has great pictures. I really liked the description of how to re-string a doll. This would be a fantastic book for beginner or intermediate collector. Book does not go into detail about composition or antique dolls. But I really would recommend this book and I often refer back to it. The lady who wrote this book also makes a great doll cleaner that I love Carol's miracle doll cleaner, I swear by this doll cleaner-it works great.

This is a very informative book on all of the basics of doll repair as well as the care of various types of dolls. I ordered Carols Miracle Doll Cleaner to clean my hard plastic dolls that I recently bought on ebay and the product did a very good job of cleaning. The product was delivered quickly. Carol has written a manual that I would recommend to the novice as well as those with repair knowledge. The photographs and diagrams are very nicely done. Carol has a site where she sells her products as well as other doll items. This is a very good book and I would buy it again.

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